

ELLEN M. BLAKE

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EDUCATION

- University of California, Hastings College of the Law, J.D. (cum laude)** **May 2010**
- Admitted in California (Bar No. 273026)
 - Staff Editor, West Northwest Environmental Law Journal
- University of Cincinnati, College of Engineering, M.S. Environmental Science** **March 2001**
- Master's Thesis: *Evaluation of Two Constructed Wetlands for the Treatment of Non-Point Source Pollutants*
 - University Graduate Scholarship (Full academic scholarship) and Teaching Assistant (Microbiology)
- Wright State University, Department of Biology, B.S. Biology** **March 1994**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, San Francisco, CA**
- Attorney-Advisor, Water Law Section* 5/11-present
- Draft enforcement documents, negotiate settlements, draft litigation referrals, evaluate inspection reports, provide counseling regarding all aspects of the CWA including permitting, enforcement, water quality standards, non-point source pollution, as well as FOIA. Serve on national workgroups covering CWA penalties, permits, and rulemakings, serve as a national stormwater expert, draft policies for NPDES permitting and enforcement.
- Acting Section Chief, General Law and Cross-cutting Issues Section* 7/15-4/16
- Supervised and managed five attorneys working under a broad range of statutes including NEPA, ESA, FOIA, NHPA and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as well as grants, Indian Law, and appropriations law.
- Water Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, San Francisco, CA**
- Senior Environmental Scientist, Clean Water Act Compliance Office* 7/02-5/11
- Conducted inspections and evaluated compliance with the CWA and related permits. Drafted administrative enforcement orders and calculated penalties. Assisted in drafting litigation referrals. Negotiated settlements with defendants. Trained new inspectors. Served as technical expert in national enforcement cases. Conducted oversight of delegated State activities. For three months served as Acting Team leader: supervised five engineers and scientists. Analyzed and managed budget and staffing needs. Drafted and implemented policy for permitting and enforcement.
- Shute, Mihaly, and Weinberger, LLP, San Francisco, CA**
- Law Clerk* 5/09-8/09
- Researched and drafted memorandums concerning administrative hearing process, attorney fee litigation, local taxation and zoning issues, CEQA, among others. Researched and drafted portions of a brief regarding dismissal of an appeal. Drafted ordinances to bring a local municipality into compliance with California's Open Meeting Act and compiled supporting documentation for presentation to City Council.
- LAW/Crandall, Division of LAW Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. San Diego, CA**
- Project Scientist* 3/01-7/02
- Conducted inspections at 12 U.S. Navy bases, designed control measures, drafted plans, collected and analyzed water quality data. Assisted Ohio communities with CWA compliance through inspections, designing control measures, and writing Stormwater Management Plans.
- Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, Lebanon, OH**
- Urban Technician* 4/97-3/01
- Conducted inspections and administered County Sediment and Erosion Control Regulations. Served as Executive Committee Chair and Grant Administrator of the Ohio Storm Water Task Force.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Mentor, Region 9 Mentoring Program:** Serve as a formal mentor to two newer employees throughout 2015.
- Law Clerk for Air, Toxics, Water, and General Law Branch, USEPA, Region 9:** developed enforcement cases under Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act, Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, and Clean Air Act (May-July 2008).
- Student Conservation Association, Grand Canyon National Park:** delivered formal and informal lectures to Park visitors, conducted nature walks, staffed Visitor Center desk (December-March 1994).